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Activities

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'Group of Eight' meets (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article "Group of Eight' meets".
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Who is David Cameron?

2. Where and when was this year's G8 meeting held?

3. At the G8 meeting what two subjects were most of the discussions about?

4. Who is José Manuel Barroso and what does his organisation do?

5. Which two countries have the world's largest economies?

6. Name the four different 'parts' of the UK.

7. List the G8 member countries.

8. What meeting will be held in St Petersburg, in September?

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'Group of Eight' meets (Page 1) *continued*

9. What is the European Council and who is its leader?

10. When did Russia become part of the G8 and why?

11. Who is Bashar al-Assad?

12. What is the G20 and how many member countries does it have?

13. What is GDP?

14. What do two of the G8 leaders plan to arrange in Switzerland?

15. What changes did the G8 leaders make in 2009?

16. Where will the 2014 G8 meeting be held, and who will host it?

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South East Asia haze (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'South East Asia haze'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. In Indonesia fires are frequently used to clear forests.		
2. A PSI reading of 300 is said to be 'unhealthy'.		
3. Lee Hsien Loong is the prime minister of Malaysia.		
4. The winds have been blowing the smoke eastwards.		
5. Cleared land in Indonesia is used to grow palms from which palm oil is made.		
6. Singapore uses the Pollution Smoke Index.		
7. Sumatra is part of Malaysia.		
8. The smoke has cause record-breaking levels of pollution in Singapore and Malaysia.		
9. An election was recently held in Malaysia.		
10. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is the president of Indonesia.		

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New 'Panama Canal' (Page 16)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New 'Panama Canal'".

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. A company from Hong Kong.

2. Q. _____

A. Lake Nicaragua.

3. Q. _____

A. A French company.

4. Q. _____

A. A toll.

5. Q. _____

A. Go around the southern tip of South America.

6. Q. _____

A. Five percent.

7. Q. _____

A. 1869.

8. Q. _____

A. Daniel Ortega.

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Berlin speeches (Page 17)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Berlin speeches'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Iron Curtain

American president

West Germany

1917 – 1963

Brandenburg Gate

Berlin Wall

Mikhail Gorbachev

1911 – 2004

John F Kennedy

Federal Republic of Germany

Barack Obama

German Democratic Republic

Ronald Reagan

East Berlin

East Germany

Soviet Union

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New emir in Qatar (Page 4)

Instructions: Read the article 'New emir in Qatar' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

SHEIKH HAMAD

SHEIKH TAMIM

GULF ARAB STATES

QIA

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New president in Iran (Page 15)

Instructions: Read the article 'New president in Iran'.

Answer questions 1-8.

1. Who was declared the winner of Iran's presidential election?

2. Who has been the president of Iran for the last eight years?

3. Who is Ali Khamenei?

4. What is the Guardian Council?

5. What is meant by the word 'hardliner'?

6. Give some examples of what a leader who is described as a 'moderate' or 'a reformer' might do?

7. Why have some other countries become suspicious of Iran?

8. Why was the election result a surprise to many people?

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. ANIC^EH

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2. TNAAQR

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3. GIDOMACBA

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4. ACAGARNAUI

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5. AMPADAN

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6. AIRLSAMYA

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7. ASIBRNE

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8. PENGSLIORA

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9. NNAOEIEIDS

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Mystery country =

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Issue 200 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 200. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Monsoon

Permian

LNG

~~Hamid Karzai~~

Rio de Janeiro

Sumatra

1984

Mount Fuji

Boeing

Qatar

Mogadishu

Kedarnath temple

São Paulo

George Orwell

Iran

747

Somalia

Indonesia

Suez Canal

Pangea

Indian subcontinent

Berlin

Japan

French engineers

Guardian Council

Brandenburg Gate

~~Afghanistan~~**Odd one out =** _____

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Issue 200 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 200 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Who has been elected as the new president of Iran?**
 - a. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
 - b. Mir-Hossein Mousavi
 - c. Hassan Rouhani
 - d. Ali Khamenei
 - e. Mohammad Khatami
2. **Which of the following countries is not a member of the G8?**
 - a. The USA
 - b. Russia
 - c. China
 - d. France
 - e. Germany
3. **In what year was the Battle of Britain?**
 - a. 1914
 - b. 1918
 - c. 1939
 - d. 1940
 - e. 1944
4. **By what name is China's prototype space station called?**
 - a. Shenzhou-10
 - b. Tiangong-1
 - c. Shenzhou-9
 - d. International Space Station
 - e. Salyut 1
5. **How many days does it take the Earth to complete one orbit of the Sun?**
 - a. 365.25
 - b. 366
 - c. 366.75
 - d. 365
 - e. 364.45
6. **In which city was Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated in 1914?**
 - a. Belgrade
 - b. Paris
 - c. Berlin
 - d. Vienna
 - e. Sarajevo
7. **Who wrote *Animal Farm*?**
 - a. Arthur Miller
 - b. Virginia Woolf
 - c. Graham Greene
 - d. E M Forster
 - e. George Orwell
8. **When did 'the wall come down'?**
 - a. 1971
 - b. 1982
 - c. 1989
 - d. 1992
 - e. 1994
9. **Of which country is Najib Razak the prime minister?**
 - a. Malaysia
 - b. Indonesia
 - c. Cambodia
 - d. Singapore
 - e. Thailand
10. **Of which organisation is the World Heritage Committee a part?**
 - a. AU
 - b. UNDP
 - c. WTO
 - d. UNESCO
 - e. EU